



ANNUAL REPORT

CORONER

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CALIFORNIA

E. A. Winstanley, Coroner

FISCAL YEAR

JULY 1, 1953 - JUNE 30, 1954

September 1, 1954

Honorable Board of Supervisors,
County of Los Angeles,
Los Angeles, California.

Gentlemen:

Presented herewith is the annual report of the
Office of Coroner of Los Angeles County for the
fiscal year ending June 30, 1954.

This report contains a statistical report and
summary of the year's accomplishments.

We are pleased to report no major disaster or
epidemic during the fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "E. A. Winstanley", with a horizontal line underneath.

E. A. WINSTANLEY, Coroner.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CORONER

County of Los Angeles, California
Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 1954

E. A. WINSTANLEY, Coroner
VICTOR L. WALLAGE, Chief Deputy

* * * * *

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JOHN ANSON FORD, Chairman
ROGER W. JESSUP BURTON W. CHACE
KENNETH HAHN HERBERT C. LEGG

ARTHUR J. WILL
Chief Administrative Officer

* * * * *

BURTON W. CHACE
Chairman of the
Board of Supervisors' Committee
for the
CORONER

REPORT DIGEST

DEPARTMENT OF CORONER - ANNUAL REPORT 1953-54

DATE OF REPORT: Sept. 1, 1954.

The Coroner's Department had a caseload of 8539 cases for the fiscal year 1953-54, which shows an increase of 5 over the previous year. A breakdown of this total is as follows:

Deaths due to natural causes	5521
Due to traffic	777
Due to suicides	723
Due to homicides	193
Due to industrial accidents	119
Due to miscellaneous accidents	1108

Of the 777 traffic fatalities, 276 were pedestrian, 91 of which were over 65 years of age. 147 of these pedestrian deaths occurred at an intersection.

There were 501 collision and non-collision accidental deaths in motor vehicles, 394 of which were over 20 years of age.

18 persons lost their lives through electric railway accidents and 11 through steam railway accidents.

Of the 193 homicides, 113 were in the age group of 20 to 45 years of age. 54 of the homicide deaths were the result of altercations.

Of the 723 suicides, 135 were the result of despondency and 276 due to ill health.

Of the miscellaneous accidental fatalities, 601 persons were 65 years of age and over, and falls of various types accounted for 594 deaths.

3563 autopsies were performed of the 8539 cases handled by the Coroner during the year. 9353 tests were made in the toxicological laboratory and 2160 microscopic examinations in the pathological laboratory.

431 inquests were held during the year.

The Department's total expenditure during 1953-54 was \$332,069.67, comprised as follows: Salaries and Wages, \$282,799.47; Maintenance and Operation, \$48,510.09 and Capital Outlay \$760.11.

Revenues collected for the fiscal year 1953-54 were \$78,075.01

REPORT OF E. A. WINSTANLEY

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER

FOR FISCAL YEAR 1955 1

INDEX

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
ABORTIONS	43
AIRPLANE - BY MONTHS	44
AIRPLANE - NATURE AND CAUSE	44 - 45
AUTOPSIES	46
CHEMICAL ANALYSES - ALCOHOL	51
CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS	2 - 3
CASE LOAD COMPARISON	47
EXPENDITURES	52
HOMICIDES - BY MONTHS	40
HOMICIDES - CAUSES	42
HOMICIDES - NATURE	41
INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES - BY MONTHS	20
INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES - CAUSES	22 to 24
INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES - NATURE	21
INQUESTS	46
INVESTIGATIONS	46
LABORATORY TESTS	48 - 49
MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES	25
BY MONTHS	25
CAUSES	27
ALCOHOLISM	27
ASPHYXIATION	27
BURNS	27 - 28
CRUSHING	28
DROWNING	28 - 29
ELECTROCUTION	29
FALLS	29 to 31
FIREARMS	31
HEAD INJURIES	31 - 32
INFECTIONS	32
MISCELLANEOUS	32
POISONING	33 to 35
STRANGULATION	35
SUFFOCATION	35
UNKNOWN	36
NATURE	26
MISCELLANEOUS DATA	47
REVENUES COLLECTED	52
SUICIDES - BY MONTHS	37
SUICIDES - CAUSES	39
SUICIDES - NATURE	38
TOTAL CASES BY MONTHS	1
TRAFFIC FATALITIES - BY MONTHS	4
TRAFFIC FATALITIES - COLLISION & NON-COLLISION	9 to 15
TRAFFIC FATALITIES - ELECTRIC RAILWAY	16 - 17
TRAFFIC FATALITIES - PEDESTRIAN	5 to 8
TRAFFIC FATALITIES - STEAM RAILWAY	18 - 19
TRAFFIC FATALITIES - SUMMARY	19
WORK PERFORMED BY PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY	50

REPORT OF E. A. WINSTANLEYLOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER

FOR FISCAL YEAR 1953-54

JULY	1953	611	
AUGUST	1953	683	
SEPTEMBER	1953	623	
OCTOBER	1953	741	
NOVEMBER	1953	696	
DECEMBER	1953	831	
JANUARY	1954	853	
FEBRUARY	1954	698	
MARCH	1954	741	
APRIL	1954	666	
MAY	1954	685	
JUNE	1954	<u>711</u>	
		TOTAL	<u>8539</u> <u>8539</u>

* * * * *

MALE
FEMALE

	5565	
	<u>2974</u>	
TOTAL	8539	<u>8539</u>

IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

4631

IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
O/S LOS ANGELES CITY

	<u>3908</u>	
TOTAL	8539	<u>8539</u>

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHSHANDLED BY CORONERACCIDENTAL DEATHS

AIRPLANE	17	
ALCOHOLISM	14	
ASPHYXIATION	3	
BURNS	100	
CRUSHING	2	
DROWNING	55	
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	18	
ELECTROCUTION	3	
FALLS	594	
FIREARMS	21	
HEAD INJURIES	99	
INDUSTRIAL	119	
INFECTION	5	
MISCELLANEOUS	18	
MOTOR VEHICLES	777	
POISONING	128	
STEAM RAILWAY	11	
STRANGULATION	14	
SUFFOCATION	32	
	<u>2030</u>	
TOTAL	2030	2030

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHSHANDLED BY CORONER

ABORTIONS	11	11
HOMICIDES	193	193
NATURAL CAUSES	5521	5521
PREMATURE DEATHS	2	2
STILLBORN	39	39
SUICIDES	723	723
UNKNOWN	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>
TOTAL	6509	8539

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

		<u>MOTOR VEHICLES</u>	<u>ELECTRIC RAILWAY</u>	<u>STEAM RAILWAY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
JULY	1953	44	1	2	47
AUGUST	1953	59	0	1	60
SEPTEMBER	1953	63	2	0	65
OCTOBER	1953	79	3	1	83
NOVEMBER	1953	75	3	1	79
DECEMBER	1953	66	0	2	68
JANUARY	1954	67	3	1	71
FEBRUARY	1954	61	3	1	65
MARCH	1954	59	2	0	61
APRIL	1954	66	0	0	66
MAY	1954	63	0	1	64
JUNE	1954	75	1	1	77
TOTAL		777	18	11	806

IN THE ABOVE CLASSIFICATION "MOTOR VEHICLES"
 INCLUDES ALL FATALITIES IN WHICH A MOTOR
 VEHICLE IS INVOLVED. "ELECTRIC AND STEAM
 RAILWAY" INCLUDES ONLY THOSE CASES IN WHICH
 A PEDESTRIAN, PASSENGER OR EMPLOYEE IS KILLED.

TRAFFIC FATALITIESPEDESTRIANS

JULY	1953	13	
AUGUST	1953	19	
SEPTEMBER	1953	22	
OCTOBER	1953	24	
NOVEMBER	1953	35	
DECEMBER	1953	26	
JANUARY	1954	23	
FEBRUARY	1954	26	
MARCH	1954	22	
APRIL	1954	27	
MAY	1954	17	
JUNE	1954	<u>22</u>	
	TOTAL	276	<u>276</u>

* * * * *

MALE	179	
FEMALE	<u>97</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>276</u>

* * * * *

In the City of LOS ANGELES	145	
In the County of LOS ANGELES O/S Los Angeles City	128	
Outside of Los Angeles County	<u>3</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>276</u>

TRAFFIC FATALITIESPEDESTRIANAGES

1	to	2	years	5	
2	to	5	years	13	
5	to	10	years	21	
10	to	20	years	9	
20	to	45	years	51	
45	to	65	years	86	
65	years	and over		91	
				<u>276</u>	<u>276</u>

TOTAL 276 276

* * * * *

AT AN INTERSECTION
NOT AT AN INTERSECTION

	147	
	129	
TOTAL	<u>276</u>	<u>276</u>

* * * * *

A. M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)
P. M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)
UNKNOWN

	76	
	196	
	2	
TOTAL	<u>276</u>	<u>276</u>

* * * * *

AUTO & PEDESTRIAN
BUS & PEDESTRIAN
TAXI & PEDESTRIAN
TRUCK & PEDESTRIAN

	254	
	4	
	2	
	16	
TOTAL	<u>276</u>	<u>276</u>

TRAFFIC FATALITIESPEDESTRIANCAUSES

ASLEEP UNDER TRUCK	1	
BLIND	1	
BACKING	6	
CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY	50	
CROSSING STREET NOT AT INTERSECTION	47	
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	2	
DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD	1	
DRIVERLESS AUTO STRUCK WHEEL CHAIR	1	
EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT	1	
EXCESSIVE SPEED	1	
FELL FROM PRECEEDING AUTO	1	
FELL IN FRONT OF TRUCK	1	
FELL UNDER TRUCK	1	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	5	
INTOXICATION	6	
LOST CONTROL	2	
PEDESTRIAN CONFUSED BY TRAFFIC	3	
PLAYING IN DRIVEWAY	3	
PLAYING IN STREET	3	
RAN BOULEVARD STOP	1	
RAN SIGNAL	1	
RECKLESS DRIVING	38	
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED	70	
RUNAWAY CAR	1	
RUNNING IN STREET	13	
STANDING IN STREET	1	
UNKNOWN	4	
WALKING IN STREET	10	
WHILE MOVING READY-MIX CONCRETE TRUCK	1	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
TOTAL	276	276

TRAFFIC FATALITIESPEDESTRIANHELD BY CORONER'S JURY:

MALE DRIVERS	49	
FEMALE DRIVERS	11	
UNDETERMINED DRIVERS	1	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS	21	
	<u>82</u>	82
TOTAL		

NOT HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:

MALE DRIVERS	63	
FEMALE DRIVERS	11	
UNKNOWN	1	
	<u>75</u>	75
TOTAL		

CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD:

MALE DRIVERS	100	
FEMALE DRIVERS	12	
	<u>112</u>	112
TOTAL		

DRIVERLESS CAR	2	
UNKNOWN DRIVER	5	
	<u>7</u>	7
TOTAL		276

* * * * *

HIT AND RUN CASES	30
-------------------	----

HAD BEEN DRINKING:

PEDESTRIANS (REPORTED AS H. B. D.)	48
------------------------------------	----

SEE LABORATORY REPORT ON "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL".

TRAFFIC FATALITIES
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

JULY	1953	31	
AUGUST	1953	40	
SEPTEMBER	1953	41	
OCTOBER	1953	55	
NOVEMBER	1953	40	
DECEMBER	1953	40	
JANUARY	1954	44	
FEBRUARY	1954	35	
MARCH	1954	37	
APRIL	1954	39	
MAY	1954	46	
JUNE	1954	<u>53</u>	
	TOTAL	501	<u>501</u>

* * * * *

MALE	368	
FEMALE	<u>133</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>501</u> <u>501</u>

* * * * *

In the City of LOS ANGELES	159	
In the County of LOS ANGELES O/S Los Angeles City	322	
Outside of Los Angeles County	<u>20</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>501</u> <u>501</u>

TRAFFIC FATALITIES
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

AGES

Less than 1 year	5	
1 to 2 years	4	
2 to 5 years	12	
5 to 10 years	19	
10 to 20 years	67	
20 to 45 years	231	
45 to 65 years	115	
65 years and over	48	
	<u>501</u>	<u>501</u>
TOTAL		

* * * * *

At an Intersection	229	
Not at an Intersection	270	
UNKNOWN	<u>2</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>501</u>	<u>501</u>
TOTAL		

* * * * *

A. M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	228	
P. M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	272	
UNKNOWN	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>501</u>	<u>501</u>
TOTAL		

TRAFFIC FATALITIES
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION
NATURE

AUTO & ABUTMENT	3
AUTO & AMBULANCE	1
AUTO & AUTO	176
AUTO, AUTO & AUTO	4
AUTO, AUTO & BUS	2
AUTO, AUTO & MOTORCYCLE	1
AUTO, AUTO & TRUCK	5
AUTO & BICYCLE	7
AUTO & BRIDGE	4
AUTO & BUS	8
AUTO & BUILDING	5
AUTO & CONCRETE WALL	1
AUTO & CONCRETE WEIR	1
AUTO & CURB	3
AUTO & ELECTRIC RAILWAY	13
AUTO & LOADING RAMP	1
AUTO & FENCE	2
AUTO & MOTORCYCLE	15
AUTO & MOTOR SCOOTER	1
AUTO & PARKED AUTO	7
AUTO & PARKED GRADER	1
AUTO & PARKED TRAILER	1
AUTO & PARKED TRUCK	5
AUTO & POLE	22
AUTO & POST	2
AUTO & STEAM RAILWAY	15
AUTO & TREE	17
AUTO & TRICYCLE	2
AUTO & TRUCK	37
AUTO & TRUCK-TRAILER	29
AUTO & WALL	2
BUS & BICYCLE	1
BUS & TRUCK	2
MOTORCYCLE & BUILDING	1
MOTORCYCLE & POLE	2
MOTORCYCLE & TREE	1
MOTORCYCLE & TRUCK-TRAILER	1
MOTORSCOOTER & POLE	1

TRAFFIC FATALITIESCOLLISION AND NON-COLLISIONNATURE (CONTINUED)COLLISION:

TRUCK & BICYCLE	4	
TRUCK & CONCRETE WALL	1	
TRUCK & JEEP	1	
TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE	2	
TRUCK & STEAM RAILWAY	1	
TRUCK & TREE	2	
TRUCK & TRUCK	4	
TRUCK & TRUCK-TRAILER	1	
TRUCK & TRICYCLE	1	
	<hr/>	
TOTAL	419	419

NON-COLLISION:

AUTO HIT BY TREE	1	
AUTO OFF HIGHWAY	4	
AUTO OVER CLIFF	8	
AUTO OVER EMBANKMENT	6	
AUTO OVERTURNED	36	
FALL FROM VEHICLE	15	
MOTORCYCLE OVERTURNED	8	
SUDDEN STOP	1	
TRUCK OVERTURNED	1	
THROWN AGAINST AUTO TOP	1	
	<hr/>	
TOTAL	82	82
		<hr/>
		501

TRAFFIC FATALITIES
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION
CAUSES

COLLISION:

BACKING	1
CHILD RODE INTO SIDE OF TRUCK	1
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	10
DRIVER ASLEEP	17
DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD	29
DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED	1
EMOTIONAL STRESS	1
EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT	10
FORCED OFF ROAD	1
ILL HEALTH	1
ILLEGAL PARKING	2
ILLEGAL "U" TURN	1
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	13
INTOXICATION	9
LOST CONTROL	48
MOTORIST'S NEGLIGENCE AT RAILWAY CROSSING	10
PASSING ON HILL	1
PASSING ON WRONG SIDE	1
RAN BOULEVARD STOP	21
RAN SIGNAL	44
REAR END COLLISION	28
RECKLESS DRIVING	72
RIDING BICYCLE WITHOUT LIGHTS	1
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED	81
RODE BICYCLE INTO SIDE OF TRUCK	2
SKIDDING	5
UNKNOWN	5
VISION OBSCURED	1
WEATHER CONDITIONS	2
TOTAL	419

419

TRAFFIC FATALITIESCOLLISION AND NON-COLLISIONCAUSES (CONTINUED)NON-COLLISION:

AVOIDING COLLISION	1	
BARRIERS IN CONSTRUCTION ZONE	1	
CHILD OPENED DOOR	3	
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	3	
DOOR FLEW OPEN	1	
DRIVER ASLEEP	1	
EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	1	
EVADING ARREST	1	
HIT DIP IN ROADWAY	1	
IMPROPER RIDING	7	
INTOXICATION	2	
LOST CONTROL	28	
LOST FOOTING	1	
PASSENGER INTERFERED WITH DRIVER	1	
RECKLESS DRIVING	17	
SHIFTING LOAD	1	
SKIDDING	3	
SUDDEN STOP	2	
TIRE BLEW OUT	1	
TRUCK IGNITED FROM VAPOR FUMES	1	
UNKNOWN	3	
VICTIM OPENED DOOR	1	
WHILE CHECKING CARBURETOR	1	
TOTAL	82	82

501

TRAFFIC FATALITIES
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:

MALE DRIVERS	105	
FEMALE DRIVERS	9	
UNDETERMINED DRIVERS	<u>2</u>	
TOTAL	116	116

NOT HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:

MALE DRIVERS	70	
FEMALE DRIVERS	<u>8</u>	
TOTAL	78	78

CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD:

MALE DRIVERS	275	
FEMALE DRIVERS	29	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS	<u>3</u>	
TOTAL	307	<u>307</u>
		501

* * * * *

HIT AND RUN CASES	1
-------------------	---

HAD BEEN DRINKING:

DRIVERS (REPORTED AS H. B. D.)	122
--------------------------------	-----

SEE LABORATORY REPORT ON "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL"

TRAFFIC FATALITIESELECTRIC RAILWAY

JULY	1953	1	
AUGUST	1953	0	
SEPTEMBER	1953	2	
OCTOBER	1953	3	
NOVEMBER	1953	3	
DECEMBER	1953	0	
JANUARY	1954	3	
FEBRUARY	1954	3	
MARCH	1954	2	
APRIL	1954	0	
MAY	1954	0	
JUNE	1954	1	
		<u>1</u>	
	TOTAL	18	18

* * * * *

MALE	14	
FEMALE	<u>4</u>	
	TOTAL	18
		18

* * * * *

In the City of LOS ANGELES	12	
In the County of LOS ANGELES		
O/S Los Angeles City	<u>6</u>	
	TOTAL	18
		18

TRAFFIC FATALITIESELECTRIC RAILWAYAGES

10 to 20 years	1	
20 to 45 years	2	
45 to 65 years	8	
65 years and over	<u>7</u>	<u>—</u>
TOTAL	18	18

* * * * *

NATURE

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND EMPLOYEE	1	
ELECTRIC RAILWAY & PEDESTRIAN	<u>17</u>	<u>—</u>
TOTAL	18	18

* * * * *

CAUSES

CROSSING AGAINST SIGNAL	1	
CROSSING STREET NOT AT INTERSECTION	1	
CROSSING STREET WHILE INTOXICATED	1	
CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY	5	
CROSSING TRACKS CARELESSLY	4	
CRUSHED BETWEEN TWO BOX CARS	1	
PEDESTRIAN CONFUSED BY TRAFFIC	1	
RAN SIGNAL	1	
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED	1	
STREET CAR RAN SIGNAL	1	
WALKED INTO SIDE OF TRAIN	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>
TOTAL	18	18

TRAFFIC FATALITIESSTEAM RAILWAY

JULY	1953	2	
AUGUST	1953	1	
SEPTEMBER	1953	0	
OCTOBER	1953	1	
NOVEMBER	1953	1	
DECEMBER	1953	2	
JANUARY	1954	1	
FEBRUARY	1954	1	
MARCH	1954	0	
APRIL	1954	0	
MAY	1954	1	
JUNE	1954	<u>1</u>	

TOTAL	11	<u>11</u>
-------	----	-----------

* * * * *

MALE	11	<u>11</u>
------	----	-----------

* * * * *

In the City of Los Angeles	4	
----------------------------	---	--

In the County of LOS ANGELES O/S Los Angeles City	<u>7</u>	
--	----------	--

TOTAL	11	<u>11</u>
-------	----	-----------

* * * * *

AGES

2 to 5 years	1	
10 to 20 years	2	
20 to 45 years	2	
45 to 65 years	<u>6</u>	

TOTAL	11	<u>11</u>
-------	----	-----------

TRAFFIC FATALITIESSTEAM RAILWAYNATURE

STEAM RAILWAY AND EMPLOYEE	3	
STEAM RAILWAY AND PASSENGER	2	
STEAM RAILWAY AND PEDESTRIAN	6	
TOTAL	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>

* * * * *

CAUSES

CHILD PLAYING ON TRACKS	1	
CROSSING TRACKS CARELESSLY	1	
CROSSING TRACKS WHILE INTOXICATED	1	
FALL UNDER FREIGHT TRAIN	1	
FALL UNDER WHEELS	1	
FALL BETWEEN CARS WHILE SWITCHING	1	
FELL UNDER TRAIN WHILE STEALING RIDE	1	
IMPROPER RIDING	1	
LYING ON TRACKS	1	
TOWER OPERATOR THREW SWITCH OVERTURNING WORK CAR	1	
WALKING ON TRACKS	1	
TOTAL	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>

SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC FATALITIES

	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MOTOR VEHICLES	547	230	777
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	13	5	18
STEAM RAILWAY	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11</u>
TOTAL	571	235	806

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

JULY	1953	8	
AUGUST	1953	10	
SEPTEMBER	1953	15	
OCTOBER	1953	11	
NOVEMBER	1953	5	
DECEMBER	1953	13	
JANUARY	1954	11	
FEBRUARY	1954	10	
MARCH	1954	9	
APRIL	1954	7	
MAY	1954	14	
JUNE	1954	6	
		<u>6</u>	
	TOTAL	119	119

* * * * *

MALE	115	
FEMALE	<u>4</u>	
	TOTAL	119
		<u>119</u>

* * * * *

In the City of LOS ANGELES	43	
In the County of LOS ANGELES		
O/S Los Angeles City	59	
Outside LOS ANGELES COUNTY	13	
UNKNOWN	<u>4</u>	
	TOTAL	119
		<u>119</u>

* * * * *

10 to 20 years	2	
20 to 45 years	50	
45 to 65 years	50	
65 YEARS AND OVER	<u>17</u>	
	TOTAL	119
		<u>119</u>

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES**NATURE**

BODILY INJURY	32
BURNS	13
CRUSHING	6
DROWNING	4
ELECTROCUTION	13
FALLS	4
HEAD INJURY	26
INFECTION	20
POISONING	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	119 119

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIESCAUSESBODILY INJURY:

CAUGHT BETWEEN ROOFING ROLLERS	1
CAVE-IN OF DITCH	2
CAVE-IN OF FIRE WALL	1
CRUSHED BY FALLING BRICK WALL	1
EXPLOSION OF ACETYLENE TORCH	1
EXPLOSION OF AMMUNITION PLANT	1
FALL DOWN ELEVATOR SHAFT	1
FALL FROM LADDER	1
FALL FROM OIL DERRICK	1
FALL FROM POLE	1
FALL FROM SCAFFOLD	2
FALL INTO MIXER	2
FELL BETWEEN BALES OF COTTON	1
FELL FROM STANDING TRUCK WHILE UNLOADING LINEN	1
FELL INTO TURNING SHAFT	1
LOAD OF DOORS FELL OFF TRUCK	1
PACKING CASE FELL ON VICTIM	1
RAN OVER BY LUMBER CARRIER	1
SKIP LOADER FELL INTO DITCH	1
SLIPPED IN FRONT OF EARTH MOVER	1
STEEL RACK COLLAPSED	1
STRUCK BY BALE OF PAPER	1
STRUCK BY CRANE	1
STRUCK BY LEAD OBJECT FROM RESURFACING MACHINE	1
STRUCK BY NAIL DRIVEN BY PNEUMATIC DRILL	1
STRUCK BY OIL WELL CASING	1
STRUCK BY PLANK STUCK IN RIP SAW	1
STRUCK BY WOOD THROWN FROM SHAPING MACHINE	1
STRUCK BY VALVE UNDER PRESSURE ON COMPRESSOR	1
TOTAL	32

32

BURNS:

CHEMICAL EXPLOSION	1
CONTACT WITH ELECTRIC CURRENT	1
EXPLOSION OF AMMUNITION PLANT	3
EXPLOSION OF FUEL TANK WHILE WELDING	2
EXPLOSION OF MAGNESIUM PLANT	2
EXPLOSION OF OIL TRUCK	1
FLASH EXPLOSION AT PLATING PLANT	1
GASOLINE EXPLOSION	1
LANTERN EXPLODED	1
TOTAL	13

13

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIESCAUSES (CONTINUED)CRUSHING:

ATTEMPTING TO COUPLE TWO TRAILERS	1	
AUTO SLIPPED OFF JACK	1	
BOOM OF CRANE FELL ON VICTIM	1	
CAUGHT BETWEEN CAB & TRACK OF DRAGLINE	1	
FALL FROM ROOF	1	
FELL UNDER TRACTOR	1	
TOTAL	<u>6</u>	6

DROWNING:

FALL FROM SCAFFOLD WHILE PAINTING SHIP	1	
FELL FROM BROKEN SCAFFOLD INTO OCEAN	1	
SEIZURE WHILE WATERING LAWN	1	
STRUCK BY DREDGE BUCKET	1	
TOTAL	<u>4</u>	4

ELECTROCUTION:

CABLE IN CONTACT WITH HIGH TENSION WIRE	2	
CONTACT WITH DEFECTIVE ELECTRIC CORD	1	
CONTACT WITH LIVE WIRE	4	
CONTACTED CHARGED METAL	1	
CRANE IN CONTACT WITH HIGH TENSION WIRE	3	
DUMP TRUCK SEVERED HIGH TENSION LINE	2	
TOTAL	<u>13</u>	13

FALLS:

FRENCH JACK COLLAPSED	1	
FROM SCAFFOLD	1	
SLIPPED & LOST BALANCE ON OIL DERRICK	1	
TRIPPED & FELL FROM BOX CAR	1	
TOTAL	<u>4</u>	4

HEAD INJURY:

BECAME ILL AND FELL TO FLOOR	1	
CAUGHT BETWEEN TRAILER & PLATFORM	1	
CAVE-IN OF SEWER	1	
CRUSHED BY FALLING ROLL OF PAPER	1	
DISCHARGE OF PLANE EJECTOR SEAT	1	
EXPLOSION OF PRESSURE TANK	1	
FALL FROM BUILDING	1	
FALL FROM LADDER	3	
FELL INTO HOLD OF SHIP	1	
FELL THROUGH HOLE IN ROOM	1	

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIESCAUSES (CONTINUED)HEAD INJURY: (Continued)

FALL FROM ROOF	3	
FALL FROM SCAFFOLD	2	
KNOCKED TO GROUND BY HEAVY MACHINERY	1	
OIL DERRICK COLLAPSED	1	
OIL DERRICK TOOL CAME LOOSE	1	
STRUCK BY DREDGE BUCKET	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING GARAGE DOOR	1	
STRUCK BY LOADED LIFT	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING TIMBER	2	
WHILE MOVING HEAVY MACHINERY	1	
TOTAL	26	26

INFECTION:

SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST	6	
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST AS STONE CUTTER	1	
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST IN COAL MINES	1	
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST IN FOUNDRY	1	
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST IN MINES	5	
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST IN QUARRIES	2	
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST IN SOAP FACTORY	1	
SILICOSIS - UNKNOWN	1	
SILICOSIS - WORKED IN FACTORY	1	
TETANUS - CUT HAND ON BUZZ SAW	1	
TOTAL	20	20

POISONING:

Lead - WHILE WORKING AS A PAINTER	1	
TOTAL	1	1
		119

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

JULY	1953	74	
AUGUST	1953	80	
SEPTEMBER	1953	86	
OCTOBER	1953	82	
NOVEMBER	1953	104	
DECEMBER	1953	115	
JANUARY	1954	107	
FEBRUARY	1954	85	
MARCH	1954	102	
APRIL	1954	88	
MAY	1954	84	
JUNE	1954	<u>101</u>	
	TOTAL	1108	<u>1108</u>

* * * * *

MALE	558	
FEMALE	<u>550</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>1108</u> <u>1108</u>

* * * * *

In the City of LOS ANGELES	554	
In the County of LOS ANGELES		
O/S Los Angeles City	536	
Outside LOS ANGELES COUNTY	8	
LOCATION UNKNOWN	<u>20</u>	
	<u>1108</u>	<u>1108</u>

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESAGES

LESS THAN ONE YEAR	43	
1 to 2 years	21	
2 to 5 years	32	
5 to 10 years	20	
10 to 20 years	30	
20 to 45 years	146	
45 to 65 years	213	
65 years and over	601	
Unknown	<u>2</u>	
TOTAL	1108	<u>1108</u>

* * * * *

NATURE

ALCOHOLISM	14	
ASPHYXIATION	3	
BURNS	100	
CRUSHING	2	
DROWNING	55	
ELECTROCUTION	3	
FALLS	594	
FIREARMS	20	
HEAD INJURIES	100	
INFECTIONS	5	
MISCELLANEOUS	18	
POISONING	128	
STRANGULATION	13	
SUFFOCATION	33	
UNKNOWN	<u>20</u>	
TOTAL	1108	<u>1108</u>

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSESALCOHOLISM:

OVERDOSE

TOTAL	$\frac{14}{14}$	14
-------	-----------------	----

ASPHYXIATION:

Fumes - INHALATION OF, IN TANK CAR 2
ILLUMINATING GAS - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT
OR SUICIDE

TOTAL	$\frac{1}{3}$	3
-------	---------------	---

BURNS:

BONFIRE - BURNING WEEDS	1
BONFIRE - CLOTHING CAUGHT FIRE	2
BONFIRE - FELL INTO FIRE BURNING TRASH	1
BUCKET OF GASOLINE IGNITED BY WATER HEATER	1
CIGARETTE - CLOTHING AFIRE	3
CIGARETTE - FELL ASLEEP WHILE SMOKING	3
CIGARETTE - SMOKING IN BED	11
CLOTHING AFIRE - FROM CIGARETTE LIGHTER	2
CLOTHING AFIRE - FROM INCINERATOR	2
CONFLAGRATION - HOUSE AFIRE	25
CONFLAGRATION - HOUSE TRAILER AFIRE	2
EXPLOSION OF ANTI FREEZE IN BONFIRE	1
EXPLOSION OF BLOW TORCH	1
GAS EXPLOSION	4
GAS EXPLOSION - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
GAS HEATER EXPLOSION	1
GASOLINE TANK EXPLODED	1
GRASS SKIRT AFIRE	1
HEATING PAD TOO HOT	1
MATCHES - CLOTHING AFIRE	1
MATCHES - PLAYING WITH MATCHES	4
SCALDS - BURNED IN BATH TUB	2
SCALDS - CHILD FELL IN BATH TUB	1
SCALDS - CHILD PULLED HOT COFFEE FROM TABLE	1
SCALDS - CHILD PULLED PAN OF WATER FROM STOVE	1
SCALDS - CHILD TURNED ON HOT WATER IN BATH TUB	1
SCALDS - FELL INTO BATH TUB	1
SCALDS - IN SHOWER ALL NIGHT	1
SCALDS - UPSET BOILING WATER ON SELF	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES (CONTINUED)BURNS: (CONTINUED)

STOVE - BUTANE GAS STOVE EXPLODED	4	
STOVE - CLOTHING IGNITED BY ELECTRIC HEATER	1	
STOVE - CLOTHING IGNITED FROM GAS HEATER	10	
STOVE - FELL ON HEATER	4	
STOVE - GAS HEATER EXPLODED	1	
STOVE - EXPLOSION OF BUTANE TANK	1	
TOTAL	100	100

CRUSHING:

JUMPED OR FELL FROM BUILDING -		
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
JUMPED OR FELL FROM FIRE ESCAPE -		
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
TOTAL	2	2

DROWNING:

BOAT SANK	1
CAR IN LAKE	1
CAUGHT IN RIP TIDE	1
CHILD FELL INTO BUCKET OF WATER	1
CHILD FELL INTO SWIMMING POOL	7
CHILD UNATTENDED IN BATH TUB	3
CHILD WANDERED FROM HOME	1
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES - UNDETERMINED	
ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	1
EPILEPTIC SEIZURE IN BATH TUB	2
EXHAUSTION WHILE SWIMMING	1
FALL FROM BOAT	1
FALL FROM DOCK	1
FALL FROM SHIP	1
FALL FROM UNRAILED WALK	1
FALL FROM SKIFF	1
FATHER FELL ASLEEP WHILE BATHING CHILD	1
FELL INTO BATH TUB	3
FELL INTO FISH POND	2
FELL INTO SWIMMING POOL	4
FOLLOWING HEART ATTACK	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES (CONTINUED)DROWNING: (CONTINUED)

INTOXICATION	1	
IN SWIMMING POOL	1	
UNABLE TO SWIM	3	
UNDERTOW WHILE SWIMMING	1	
UNDETERMINED - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
UNKNOWN	10	
WHILE SKIN DIVING	1	
TOTAL	55	55

ELECTROCUTION:

CONTACT WITH WET HEATING PAD	1	
CONTACTED HIGH TENSION WIRE	1	
PLUGGED IN VACUUM CLEANER WHILE WET	1	
TOTAL	3	3

FALLS:

AGAINST CHEST OF DRAWERS	1	
AGAINST WINDOW SILL	1	
BY PREGNANT MOTHER	1	
DOWN PRECIPICE - OLD AGE	1	
DOWN STAIRS - CHILD LOST BALANCE	1	
DOWN STAIRS - ILL HEALTH	1	
DOWN STAIRS - INTOXICATION	5	
DOWN STAIRS - OLD AGE	20	
DOWN STAIRS - TRIPPED	2	
DOWN STAIRS - UNKNOWN	2	
FROM BED - ILL HEALTH	17	
FROM BED - OLD AGE	25	
FROM BUILDING - INTOXICATION	1	
FROM BUILDING - LOST BALANCE	1	
FROM BUILDING - OLD AGE	3	
FROM BUILDING - UNDET. ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
FROM CHAIR - ILL HEALTH	2	
FROM BUILDING - WHILE PLAYING	1	
FROM CHAIR - OLD AGE	4	
FROM CHAIR - PUSHED	1	
FROM CHAIR - UNKNOWN	2	

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

FALLS: (CONTINUED)

FROM CLIFF - CHASING DOG	1
FROM CLIFF - SLIPPED	1
FROM COUCH - ILL HEALTH	1
FROM FIRE ESCAPE - ILL HEALTH	1
FROM HORSE - HORSE STEPPED IN HOLE	1
FROM LADDER - OLD AGE	1
FROM PORCH - BROKEN RAILING	1
FROM PORCH - ILL HEALTH	1
FROM PORCH - OLD AGE	6
FROM STOOL - OLD AGE	1
FROM STRETCHER - OLD AGE	1
FROM TREE - BROKEN LIMB	1
FROM WALL - BLIND	1
FROM WHEEL CHAIR - ILL HEALTH	1
IN BATH TUB - ILL HEALTH	1
IN BATH TUB - OLD AGE	1
IN SHOWER - SLIPPED	1
ON STEPS - OLD AGE	1
TO DRIVEWAY - OLD AGE	1
TO FLOOR - BLIND	1
TO FLOOR - CHAIR TIPPED OVER	1
TO FLOOR - EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	6
TO FLOOR - ILLNESS	34
TO FLOOR - INTOXICATION	2
TO FLOOR - LEANED AGAINST UNLOCKED DOOR	1
TO FLOOR - LOST BALANCE	2
TO FLOOR - OLD AGE	35
TO FLOOR - SLIPPED	1
TO FLOOR - TRIPPED	2
TO FLOOR - TURNED ANKLE	1
TO FLOOR - UNKNOWN	2
TO GROUND - ILL HEALTH	7
TO GROUND - INTOXICATION	2
TO GROUND - OLD AGE	25
TO GROUND - TRIPPED	2
TO GROUND - UNKNOWN	1
TO GROUND - WHILE SKIING	1
TO SIDEWALK - ILL HEALTH	1
TO SIDEWALK - IMPAIRED EYE SIGHT	1
TO SIDEWALK - INTOXICATION	4
TO SIDEWALK - OLD AGE	6
TO SIDEWALK - SLIPPED	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES (CONTINUED)FALLS: (CONTINUED)

TO STREET - ILL HEALTH	3	
TO STREET - INTOXICATION	1	
TO STREET - OLD AGE	9	
TO STREET - STRUCK BY CAR DOOR	1	
TO STREET - WHILE PLAYING	1	
TO STREET - UNKNOWN	2	
TO STREET - WHILE ALIGHTING FROM BUS	1	
TO STREET - WHILE MOVING ICE BOX	1	
TOTAL	<u>594</u>	594

FIREARMS:

CARELESS HANDLING	7	
DISCHARGED GUN WHILE CLEANING	1	
PLAYING RUSSIAN ROULETTE	1	
PLAYING WITH GUN	6	
SHOT WHILE HUNTING	1	
UNKNOWN	1	
UNKNOWN - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	3	
TOTAL	<u>20</u>	20

HEAD INJURIES:

AT BIRTH	1	
BABY DROPPED BY SISTER	1	
CHILD DROPPED BY MOTHER	1	
CHILD FELL FROM DRESSER TO FLOOR	1	
CHILD FELL FROM BED	1	
CHILD FELL ON LEAD PENCIL	1	
CONVULSIONS	1	
DURING STREET FIGHT	1	
FALL AGAINST BED POST	1	
FALL AGAINST DRAINBOARD	1	
FALL DOWNSTAIRS	14	
FALL DURING EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	1	
FALL FROM BATHINETTE	1	
FALL FROM BED	4	
FALL FROM BICYCLE	1	
FALL FROM CHAIR	2	

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES (CONTINUED)HEAD INJURIES: (CONTINUED)

FALL FROM CLIFF	5
FALL FROM DIVAN	2
FALL FROM FIRE ESCAPE	1
FALL FROM HORSE	2
FALL FROM LADDER	3
FALL FROM PORCH	1
FALL FROM ROOF	1
FALL FROM SCAFFOLD	1
FALL FROM WHEEL CHAIR	1
FALL FROM WINDOW	3
FALL INTO DRY SWIMMING POOL	1
FALL TO FLOOR	12
FALL TO GROUND	2
FALL TO PAVEMENT	1
FALL TO SIDEWALK	7
FALL TO STREET	4
FALL WHILE ALIGHTING FROM BUS	1
FELL AND STRUCK HEAD	1
FELL OR JUMPED FROM BRIDGE - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED	1
FELL OR JUMPED FROM BUILDING - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED	2
FELL WHILE INTOXICATED	3
RAN OVER BY TRACTOR	1
STRUCK BY FALLING MANTLE	1
STRUCK HEAD PLAYING VOLLEY BALL	1
STRUCK ON HEAD DURING HUNTING TRIP	1
WATER HEATER FELL ON CHILD'S HEAD	1
UNKNOWN -	6
UNDETERMINED - ACCIDENT, SUICIDE OR HOMICIDE	1
TOTAL	100

100

INFECTIONS:

TETANUS - CUT HAND	1
TETANUS - POST OPERATIVE FOR CHILDBIRTH	1
TETANUS - STEPPED ON NAIL	1
TETANUS - UNKNOWN	2
TOTAL	5

5

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

MISCELLANEOUS:

BODILY INJURY - BED COLLAPSED	1	
BODILY INJURY - FALL FROM BUILDING	2	
BODILY INJURY - FALL FROM TREE	1	
BODILY INJURY - FALL TO FLOOR	1	
BODILY INJURY - JUMPED OR FELL FROM BUILD- ING, UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
BODILY INJURY - LEG CAUGHT IN BED	1	
BODILY INJURY - ROOF COLLAPSED	1	
BODILY INJURY - STRUCK BY FALLING TREE	1	
BODILY INJURY - UNKNOWN	2	
DISLOCATED VERTEBRAE - STRUCK BY SWING	1	
FRACTURED FOOT - OLD AGE	1	
KICKED BY PATIENT	1	
MALPRACTICE - MISMATCHED BLOOD TRANSFUSION	1	
PLAYING FOOTBALL	1	
THROAT INJURY - SWALLOWED DENTAL PLATE	1	
TRANSIENT EXPOSED TO WEATHER	1	
TOTAL	18	18

POISONING:

ALCOHOL AND PARALDEHYDE - OVERDOSE	1	
ALCOHOL AND PHENOBARBITAL - OVERDOSE		
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
ARSENIC - CHILD ATE ANT PASTE	1	
ARSENIC - DRANK BY MISTAKE	1	
ARSENIC - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
BARBITURATES AND ETHANOL - OVERDOSE	3	
BARBITURATES - OVERDOSE	10	
BARBITURATES - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	24	
BROMIDES - OVERDOSE	1	
CAMPHORATED OIL - DRANK IN ERROR	1	
CARBON MONOXIDE - ASLEEP IN AUTO WITH MOTOR RUNNING	1	
CARBON MONOXIDE - AUTO AND GARAGE AFIRE	1	
CARBON MONOXIDE - AUTO RUNNING IN CLOSED GARAGE UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	2	
CARBON MONOXIDE - BED AFIRE, GAS HEATER	1	
CARBON MONOXIDE - BOX CAR ON FIRE	1	

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

POISONING: (CONTINUED)

CARBON MONOXIDE - BUTANE HEATER BURNING IN CLOSED ROOM	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - GAS HEATER BURNING IN CLOSED ROOM	25
CARBON MONOXIDE - GAS HEATER BURNING IN CLOSED TRAILER	2
CARBON MONOXIDE - GAS WATER HEATER BURN- ING IN CLOSED ROOM	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - HOUSE AFIRE	5
CARBON MONOXIDE - INHALATION OF AUTO EXHAUST IN CLOSED GARAGE	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - SOFA IGNITED BY CIGARETTE	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - TRAILER ON FIRE	1
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE - DRANK IN ERROR	2
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE - INHALATION OF FIRE EXTINGUISHER FLUID	1
CHLORAL HYDRATE - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDAL	1
ETHYL ALCOHOL AND PARALDEHYDE - OVERDOSE	1
FOOD - ATE BAD FOOD	1
FORMALDEHYDE - DRANK WHILE INTOXICATED	1
FUMES - ELECTRIC HEATER TOO CLOSE TO WOODWORK	1
GERMICIDE - DRANK WHILE INTOXICATED	1
HEROIN - OVERDOSE	5
LYE - DRANK BY MISTAKE	1
METHYL SALICYLATE - DRANK OIL OF WINTER- GREEN IN ERROR	1
MORPHINE AND ETHANOL - OVERDOSE	1
MORPHINE AND CODEINE - OVERDOSE	1
MORPHINE - OVERDOSE	4
NEMBUTAL - ILL HEALTH	1
NICOTINE - DRANK INSECTICIDE BY MISTAKE	1
OIL OF CEDAR LEAF - ATTEMPTED ABORTION	1
OIL OF WINTERGREEN - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDAL	1
PARALDEHYDE - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
PENTOBARBITAL - OVERDOSE	3
PENTOBARBITAL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	4

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES (CONTINUED)POISONING: (CONTINUED)

PHENOBARBITAL - OVERDOSE	2	
PHENOBARBITAL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT		
OR SUICIDE	1	
SECONAL - OVERDOSE	1	
SODIUM SALICYLATE - FED PILLS BY SISTER	1	
STRYCHNINE - CHILD ATE CATHARTIC PILLS	1	
VENOM - BITTEN BY RATTLESNAKE	1	
TOTAL	<u>128</u>	128

STRANGULATION:

CAUGHT NECK IN FENCE	1	
CHILD CAUGHT HEAD IN CRIB	1	
CHILD CAUGHT IN HIGH CHAIR	2	
CHILD CAUGHT ON VENETIAN BLIND CORD	1	
CHILD HUNG SELF WITH BELT WHILE AT PLAY	1	
CHILD WEDGED BETWEEN CRIB AND WALL	1	
CLEFT PALATE	1	
HEAD CAUGHT BETWEEN BED SLATS	1	
NECK CAUGHT ON WIRE	1	
UNKNOWN - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	3	
TOTAL	<u>13</u>	13

SUFFOCATION:

ASPIRATION OF FOOD PARTICLES	2	
ASPIRATION OF FOREIGN BODY	1	
ASPIRATION OF GASTRIC CONTENTS	12	
ASPIRATION OF PEANUT	2	
ASPIRATION OF REGURGITATED GASTRIC CONTENTS	4	
BETWEEN PARENTS IN BED	1	
INHALATION OF SMOKE - HOUSE AFIRE	1	
SMOKING IN BED	1	
SMOTHERED IN BED CLOTHES	6	
SUNFLOWER SEED LODGED IN THROAT	1	
SWALLOWED RATTLE	1	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	<u>33</u>	33

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES (CONTINUED)UNKNOWN:

UNDETERMINED AFTER GROSS AND MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION	2	
UNDETERMINED AFTER GROSS MICROSCOPIC AND CHEMICAL EXAMINATION	1	
UNDETERMINED AFTER GROSS MICROSCOPIC AND TOXICOLOGICAL EXAMINATION	1	
UNDETERMINED DUE TO DECOMPOSITION	6	
UNDETERMINED DUE TO ADVANCED STATE OF DECOMPOSITION	5	
UNDETERMINED - PRESUMABLY EXPOSURE AND NEGLECT	1	
UNDETERMINED - SKELETON ONLY	1	
UNKNOWN - BAG OF BONES	1	
UNKNOWN HOW INJURY OCCURRED	1	
UNKNOWN - SKELETON OF BURNED BONES	1	
TOTAL	20	20
		<hr/> 1108

SUICIDES

JULY	1953	61	
AUGUST	1953	59	
SEPTEMBER	1953	67	
OCTOBER	1953	68	
NOVEMBER	1953	55	
DECEMBER	1953	59	
JANUARY	1954	65	
FEBRUARY	1954	54	
MARCH	1954	62	
APRIL	1954	45	
MAY	1954	57	
JUNE	1954	<u>71</u>	
	TOTAL	723	723

* * * * *

MALE	495	
FEMALE	<u>228</u>	
	TOTAL	723

* * * * *

In the City of LOS ANGELES	344	
In the County of LOS ANGELES		
O/S Los Angeles City	377	
Outside LOS ANGELES COUNTY	<u>1</u>	
UNKNOWN	<u>1</u>	
	TOTAL	723

* * * * *

10 to 20 years	19	
20 to 45 years	272	
45 to 65 years	286	
65 YEARS AND OVER	<u>146</u>	
	TOTAL	723

SUICIDESNATURE

BURNING	4	
CARBON MONOXIDE - AUTO EXHAUST	117	
CARBON MONOXIDE - BURNING ILLUM. GAS	1	
CARBON MONOXIDE - CHEMICALS	1	
CUTTING	18	
DROVE INTO SIDE OF BOX CAR	1	
DROWNING	12	
ILLUMINATING GAS	12	
SHOOTING	219	
STOPPED AUTO IN FRONT OF TRAIN	1	
STRANGULATION	111	
TOTAL	497	497

JUMPING:

FROM BRIDGE	8	
FROM BUILDING	21	
IN FRONT OF TRAIN	5	
IN FRONT OF VEHICLE	1	
TOTAL	35	35

POISONING:

AKROBARBITAL	1	
ALKALI	1	
AMMONIA	1	
AMOBARBITAL	3	
ANT PASTE	12	
ARSENIC	5	
BARBITURATES	75	
BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY	1	
CHLOROFORM	1	
CODEINE	1	
CYANIDE	8	
LYE	4	
LYSOL	1	
MERCURY	1	
NEMBUTAL	8	
NICOTINE (BLACK LEAF 40)	2	
PENTOBARBITAL	21	
PHENOBARBITAL	13	
PHENOL	1	
PHOSPHORUS	4	
RUBBING ALCOHOL	1	
SALICYLATE	2	
SECOBARBITAL	12	
SHELL " D. D. "	1	
STRYCHNINE	5	
TUINAL	5	
VERONAL	1	
TOTAL	191	191

SUICIDESCAUSES

AFTER ATTEMPTED MURDER	1	
AFTER COMMITTING MURDER	19	
AFTER DEATH OF HUSBAND	2	
AFTER DEATH OF WIFE	5	
ALCOHOLIC	4	
DESPONDENCY	135	
DESPONDENT OVER DEATH OF MOTHER	2	
DESPONDENT OVER DEATH OF SON	1	
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	27	
EVADING ARREST	1	
EXCESSIVE DRINKING	1	
FAMILY DIFFICULTIES	5	
FEAR OF ARREST	2	
FEAR OF PROSECUTION FOR RAPE	1	
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES	20	
HARASSED BY NARCOTIC PEDDLER	1	
HUSBAND LEFT HOME	1	
ILL HEALTH	276	
LOVE AFFAIR	3	
MARITAL DIFFICULTIES	43	
MENTAL CONDITION	9	
MENTAL ILLNESS	14	
ON TRIAL FOR RAPE	1	
QUARREL	1	
TIRED OF LIFE	3	
UNKNOWN	145	
TOTAL	723	723

HOMICIDES

JULY	1953	22	
AUGUST	1953	17	
SEPTEMBER	1953	18	
OCTOBER	1953	19	
NOVEMBER	1953	8	
DECEMBER	1953	18	
JANUARY	1954	12	
FEBRUARY	1954	15	
MARCH	1954	17	
APRIL	1954	9	
MAY	1954	24	
JUNE	1954	14	
	TOTAL	193	193
* * * * *			
MALE		136	
FEMALE		57	
	TOTAL	193	193
* * * * *			
In the City of LOS ANGELES		116	
In the County of LOS ANGELES		74	
O/S Los Angeles City		1	
Outside LOS ANGELES COUNTY		2	
UNKNOWN		2	
	TOTAL	193	193
* * * * *			
LESS THAN ONE YEAR		1	
1 to 2 years		2	
2 to 5 years		2	
5 to 10 years		1	
10 to 20 years		14	
20 to 45 years		113	
45 to 65 years		50	
65 YEARS AND OVER		10	
	TOTAL	193	193

HOMICIDESNATURE

BEATEN	2	
BEATEN & KICKED	1	
DROWNING	1	
FIGHTING	7	
POISONING	3	
PUSHED OR KICKED DOWNSTAIRS	1	
SHOOTING	104	
STABBING	38	
STRANGULATION	11	
STRUCK WITH FIST	4	
STRUCK WITH OBJECT	19	
SUFFOCATION	1	
THROWN OR PUSHED DOWN STAIRS	1	
TOTAL	193	193

EXCUSABLE	3	
JUSTIFIABLE	33	
UNJUSTIFIABLE	157	
TOTAL	193	193

BY A KNOWN PERSON	104	
BY AN UNKNOWN PERSON	30	
BY DAUGHTER	1	
BY FATHER	6	
BY HUSBAND	25	
BY MOTHER	1	
BY OFFICER	16	
BY SON	1	
BY WIFE	9	
TOTAL	193	193

HOMICIDESCAUSESJUSTIFIABLE:

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY	2	
ATTEMPTED RAPE	1	
ATTEMPTING FORCIBLE ENTRY	1	
DURING ALTERCATION	3	
DURING HOLDUP	6	
DURING ROBBERY	2	
EVADING ARREST	6	
FORCING ENTRY INTO HOME	1	
QUARREL	2	
RESISTING ARREST	6	
SELF DEFENSE	3	
	<u>33</u>	33
TOTAL		

UNJUSTIFIABLE:

ALCOHOLISM	1	
ATTEMPTED RAPE	1	
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	11	
DURING ALTERCATION	51	
DURING HOLDUP	4	
DURING ROBBERY	6	
FELL INTO OPEN CISTERN	1	
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES	3	
GANG FIGHT	3	
GIVEN WRONG PILLS BY NURSE	1	
INNOCENT BYSTANDER	1	
INTOXICATION	1	
LOVERS' QUARREL	1	
JEALOUSY	8	
MARITAL DIFFICULTIES	11	
MENTAL CONDITION	4	
OVERDOSE OF PHENOBARBITAL	1	
QUARREL	9	
RAPE	2	
REVENGE	5	
UNKNOWN	31	
UNWANTED BABY	1	
	<u>157</u>	157
TOTAL		

EXCUSABLE:

DURING ALTERCATION	1	
INNOCENT BYSTANDER	1	
RESULT OF QUARREL	1	
	<u>3</u>	3
TOTAL		
		193

ABORTIONS

CRIMINAL - BY KNOWN PERSON
 CRIMINAL OR SELF-INDUCED UNDETERMINED
 SELF INDUCED

TOTAL

2
 1
 8
11

11

* * * * *

IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 O/S LOS ANGELES CITY
 UNKNOWN

TOTAL

6
 4
 1
11

11

* * * * *

MARRIED
 SINGLE

TOTAL

8
 3
11

11

* * * * *

20 to 45 YEARS

TOTAL

11
11

11

AIRPLANE FATALITIES

JULY	1953	0	
AUGUST	1953	2	
SEPTEMBER	1953	1	
OCTOBER	1953	0	
NOVEMBER	1953	0	
DECEMBER	1953	0	
JANUARY	1954	10	
FEBRUARY	1954	1	
MARCH	1954	1	
APRIL	1954	1	
MAY	1954	0	
JUNE	1954	<u>1</u>	
	TOTAL	17	<u>17</u>
* * * * *			
MALE		13	
FEMALE		<u>4</u>	
	TOTAL	17	<u>17</u>
* * * * *			
In the City of LOS ANGELES		1	
In the County of LOS ANGELES		15	
O/S Los Angeles City		<u>1</u>	
Outside LOS ANGELES COUNTY		1	
	TOTAL	17	<u>17</u>
* * * * *			
Occupant of house		8	
Pedestrian		1	
Pilot		7	
Unknown		<u>1</u>	
	TOTAL	17	<u>17</u>
* * * * *			
Accidental		16	
Industrial		<u>1</u>	
	TOTAL	17	<u>17</u>

AIRPLANE FATALITIES

(CONTINUED)

AGES

LESS THAN 1 YEAR
 1 to 2 years
 10 to 20 years
 20 to 45 years
 45 to 65 years
 65 YEARS AND OVER

1
 1
 2
 9
 3
 1

TOTAL

17

17

* * * * *

TYPE OF PLANE

COMMERCIAL
 PLEASURE
 ARMY JET

1
 7
 9

TOTAL

17

17

* * * * *

CAUSES

DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT
 INCOMPETENT HANDLING
 LOST CONTROL
 MECHANICAL FAILURE
 WEATHER CONDITIONS
 UNKNOWN

2
 1
 1
 2
 1
 8
 3

TOTAL 17

17

INQUESTS

		<u>CORONER'S INQUEST ROOM</u>	<u>L. A. CITY & COUNTY OUTSIDE INQUEST ROOM</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
JULY	1953	17	14	31
AUGUST	1953	28	17	45
SEPTEMBER	1953	15	17	32
OCTOBER	1953	25	34	59
NOVEMBER	1953	19	18	37
DECEMBER	1953	24	19	43
JANUARY	1954	18	18	36
FEBRUARY	1954	18	15	33
MARCH	1954	18	13	31
APRIL	1954	17	15	32
MAY	1954	21	5	26
JUNE	1954	13	13	26
TOTAL		233	198	431

AUTOPSIES

		<u>CORONER'S MORTUARY</u>	<u>L.A.CITY & CO. O/S MORTUARY</u>	<u>GENERAL HOSPITAL</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
JULY	1953	95	127	12	234
AUGUST	1953	110	132	12	254
SEPTEMBER	1953	88	164	12	264
OCTOBER	1953	130	173	7	310
NOVEMBER	1953	106	188	12	306
DECEMBER	1953	133	201	12	346
JANUARY	1954	133	204	11	348
FEBRUARY	1954	122	188	6	316
MARCH	1954	107	200	5	312
APRIL	1954	102	157	12	271
MAY	1954	117	175	12	304
JUNE	1954	109	174	15	298
TOTAL		1352	2083	128	3563
INVESTIGATIONS - NO AUTOPSIES					4976
TOTAL					8539

MISCELLANEOUS DATA

BODIES OF CHILDREN (UNDER 14 YEARS) EMBALMED: NO FEE	138
BODIES ASSIGNED TO COUNTY WELFARE: NO FEE	133
BODIES ASSIGNED TO CATHOLIC WELFARE: NO FEE	40
EMBALMING EXEMPTIONS FOR INDIGENT PERSONS UNDER SECTION 27471 OF GOVERNMENT CODE OF CALIFORNIA: NO FEE	31
TOTAL NUMBER EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY FOR WHICH NO FEES WERE COLLECTED	342
BODIES EMBALMED FOR WHICH FEES WERE COLLECTED	2793
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY	3135
BODIES EMBALMED BY UNDERTAKERS BEFORE DELIVERY TO CORONER'S MORTUARY	333
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES HANDLED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY	3468
CORONER'S CASES HANDLED BY LOS ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY UNDERTAKERS O/S CORONER'S MORTUARY	5071
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY COUNTY CORONER JULY 1, 1953 to JUNE 30, 1954	8539

MILES TRAVELED TO CONDUCT INQUESTS AND INVESTIGATIONS	13590
MILES TRAVELED BY SURGEONS TO PERFORM AUTOPSIES AND APPEAR AS WITNESSES	66794
MILES TRAVELED BY AMBULANCES TO TRANSPORT BODIES	21482
TRANSCRIPTS SOLD	327
TRANSCRIPTS FURNISHED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES: NO FEE	20
TRANSCRIPTS FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK	413
TRANSCRIPTS FURNISHED DISTRICT ATTORNEY	413
TOTAL NUMBER OF COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS PREPARED	1609
PAGES OF TESTIMONY PREPARED	11269
VERDICTS OF CORONER AND AUTOPSY FINDINGS	3563
VERDICTS OF JURIES	413
JURORS SUMMONED TO SERVE ON CORONER'S INQUESTS	3017
WITNESSES SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY AT INQUESTS	2155
ESTATES DELIVERED TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR	141
CASES REPORTED TO CORONER, DEATH CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY PRIVATE PHYSICIAN. THESE CASES CLASSIFIED "NOT A CORONER'S CASE"	448
SUBPOENAS SERVED ON MEDICAL STAFF	505

CASE LOAD COMPARISON

TOTAL CASES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1952-1953	8534
TOTAL CASES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1953-1954	8539
INCREASE	5

REPORT OF TOXICOLOGICAL LABORATORY

NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED FOR TESTS

2459

TYPE AND NUMBER OF TESTS PERFORMED

	Chemicals Tested	Tests
Acetone	4	22
Alcohol (only)	2125	5201
Alcohol (with other tests)	220	504
Amphetamine	1	1
Arsenic	19	73
Barbiturates (only)	185	1224
Barbiturates (with other tests)	22	176
Benzoic acid	1	1
Boron	1	1
Bromides	3	3
Carbon Monoxide	2	2
Carbon Tetrachloride	2	6
Chlorides (drowning)	3	6
Chloral	5	6
Chloroform	1	1
Codeine	3	85
Creatinine	2	2
Cyanide	11	19
D. D. Mixture (fumigant)	1	2
Diphenylhydantoin	3	7
Dormison	1	1
Fluoride	1	1
Heroin	2	15
Iodine	1	1
Isopraponal	1	10
Lead	3	12
Lysol	1	1
Magnesium (drowning)	1	2
Mercury	6	10
Meperidine	1	25
Metals	1	1
Methanol	4	22
Methapyrilene	1	25
Methylbromide	1	5
Morphine	7	405
Narcotics	18	925
Nicotine	3	8

REPORT OF TOXICOLOGICAL LABORATORY

(CONTINUED)

	<u>CHEMICALS</u> <u>TESTED</u>	<u>TESTS</u>
Oil Cedar, Pine	2	8
Opiates	4	260
Opium	1	100
Para-aminobenzoic acid	1	5
Paraldehyde	10	11
Parathion	1	5
Phenol	1	1
Phosphorus	2	3
Privine (proprietary)	1	10
Quinine	1	10
Radio-activity	1	10
Salicylates	10	20
Silica	16	32
Specific gravity	1	1
Strychnine	4	64
Water (tap)	1	1
Zinc	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	2725	9353

SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC TESTS

NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED TO PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY	1015
NUMBER OF MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATIONS	2160
NUMBER OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS	116
NUMBER OF BLOOD TESTS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE	213
NUMBER OF GROSS SPECIMENS PREPARED	19
NUMBER OF NEURO-PATHOLOGY BRAIN STUDIES	112
NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPH NEGATIVES MADE AND PROCESSED	825
NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPH PRINTS MADE AND PROCESSED	1042

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL

If victim lives twenty-four or more hours after injury, tests for alcohol are not made, as the alcohol would be completely oxidized.

Each positive case is individually interpreted in terms of elapsed time and amount to show extent of influence of the alcohol.

	<u>POSITIVE TESTS</u>	<u>NEGATIVE TESTS</u>
AUTO-COLLISION and NON-COLLISION	160	221
	42.0%	58.0%

AUTO-PEDESTRIAN	55	109
	33.5%	66.5%

HOMICIDES	90	97
	48.1%	51.9%

SUICIDES	180	388
	31.7%	68.3%

EXPENDITURESFISCAL YEAR 1953-54

SALARIES AND WAGES	\$282,799.47
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION	48,510.09
CAPITAL OUTLAY	<u>760.11</u>
TOTAL	\$332,069.67

* * * * *

REVENUES COLLECTEDFISCAL YEAR 1953-54

SALARY FUND:

EMBALMING FEES	\$70,725.00	
SALE OF TRANSCRIPTS	6,413.83	
SHERIFF'S FEES	<u>3.70</u>	
TOTAL	\$77,142.53	77,142.53

GENERAL FUND:

WITNESS FEES	\$219.04	
REFUND OF TRANSPORTATION	676.78	
REFUND OF CREMATION FEE	30.00	
SALE OF OLD DESK	1.04	
SALE OF WASTE PAPER	4.44	
UNIDENTIFIED CASH	<u>1.18</u>	
TOTAL	\$932.48	<u>932.48</u>
		\$78,075.01